ELTE 5686779 HE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 1 Priority Application Serial No. ..... 09/148,723 2 Priority Filing Date ...... September 3, 1998 3 Assignee ...... Micron Technology, Inc. Priority Examiner ...... D. Tugbang Attorney's Docket No. ..... MI22-981 Title: Methods of Bonding Solder Balls To/Bond Pads on a Substrate 6 RESPONSE TO MAY 22. 2000-OFFICE ACTION 7 RELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO ACCOMPANY CPA FILING 8 BOX CPA To: 9 **Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231 10 Frederick M. Fliegel, Ph.D. (Tel. 509-624-4276; Fax 509-838-3424) From: 11 Wells, St. John, Roberts, Gregory & Matkin P.S. 601 W. First Avenue, Suite 1300 12 Spokane, WA 99201-3817 13 Sir: 14 Responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 22, 2000, 15 Applicant amends and remarks as follows [unless otherwise indicated, 16 deletions are bracketed, additions are underlined]: 17 18 **AMENDMENTS** 19 20 In the Claims 21 22

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